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FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM HARTMAN

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT REPORT OF THE FEBRUARY 4
PERMREP DISCUSSION OF SITE AND TIMING OF SPRING 1975 NAC
MINISTERIAL.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AND TO SHARE ONLY WITH LUNS AS
MAY BE APPROPRIATE, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE OECD,
IEA AND NAC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS BACK-TO-BACK IN JUNE.
ALTHOUGH THE SECRETARY HAS NOT YET MADE DECISION TO ATTEND
OECD AND IEA MEETINGS, UNDER THIS SCENARIO, SECRETARY
COULD PARTICIPATE IN OECD AND IEA SESSIONS FOR TWO DAYS,
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WITH NAC MINISTERIAL TO TAKE PLACE EITHER IMMEDIATELY

BEFORE OR AFTER. IN ANY CASE, OECD AND IEA MEETING DATES ARE NOT YET FIXED, AND THEREFORE WE ARE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO SUGGEST DATES FOR NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING. HOWEVER, OUR TENTATIVE THOUGHT IS TO PRESS FOR OECD AND IEA MINISTERIAL MEETINGS EITHER THE SECOND OR FOURTH WEEKS IN JUNE, IN WHICH CASE WE WOULD ENVISAGE SUGGESTING

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TO THE ALLIES THAT THE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING TAKE PLACE POSSIBLY JUNE 12-13 OR JUNE 26-27. THE PREFERRED TIMINGS FOR THE PARIS MEETINGS ARE NOT YET FULLY COORDINATED IN THE USG, HOWEVER, AND THERE IS STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT THE THIRD WEEK IN JUNE WILL EMERGE AS MOST CONVENIENT FOR SENIOR US PARTICIPANTS.

3. WE ARE MINDFUL THAT SACLANT SYMPOSIUM JUNE 18-20, AS WELL AS DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING NPG MINISTERIAL JUST BEFORE THE SACLANT MEETING, WOULD APPEAR TO RULE OUT HOLDING THE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING DURING THE THIRD WEEK IN JUNE. MOREOVER, WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT IF NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING IS HELD IN BRUSSELS IN FOURTH WEEK IN JUNE, IT COULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR LUNS AND PERMREPS TO BE ABSENT FROM BRUSSELS DURING PRECEDING WEEK.

4. THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING AT PRESENT POSSIBLE DATES AND SITES FOR NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING, AND HOPES TO BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE SHORTLY.

5. IN FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH PERMREPS, I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY AS POSSIBLE ON THE DATES FOR THE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING UNTIL WE CAN FURTHER DEVELOP A SCENARIO WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE FOREGOING AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. KISSINGER

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